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CHERAW, S. C.,

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 8 P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. W. W. Mills, from Romans xii: 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." After the sermon the Synod was formally called to order; prayer was offered and the roll was called. The following members were

PRESENT:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—James Douglass (2)*, W. W. Ratchford, J. C. McMullen, J. S. White, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, R. A. Webb, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. R. McAlpine, W. B. Jennings, George Summey, Roger Martin (2), W. G. Neville, J. L. Mc Lin, J. A. Wilson, G. A. Blackburn, W. G. White—17.

Elders—J. F. Kennedy, Aimwell Church; S. D. Simril (2), Allison Creek; S. B. McCully, Bethel; J. H. Wilson, Bethesda; W. J. Bowen (2), Beth Shiloh; A. K. Sherrar, Bullock's Creek; R. P. Folkes, Carmel Hill; J. B. Dixon, Catholic; J. D. Gwin, Clover; W. W. Brice, Concord; J. F. Carothers, Ebenezer; J. H. McMurray, Fishing Creek; L. M. Culp, Fort Mill; J. A.

*The number indicates day of enrollment.

Hope, Harmony; J. D. Harrison, Longtown; S. R. Johnston (2), Mt. Olivet; E. J. Robin, Mt. Pleasant; W. G. Campbell, Olivet; E. P. Moore, Purity; M. P. Farris, Ramah; E. R. Mills, Rock Hill; I. N. Withers, Scion; R. A. Latimer, Smyrna; W. W. Walkup, Waxhaw; J. F. Hart (2), Yorkville—25.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. L. Girardeau, J. R. Dow, J. B. Mack, F. Jacobs, W. T. Thompson, Edwin Muller, W. G. Vardell, A. A. Morse, T. P. Burgess—9.

Elders—E. P. Hutson, Barnwell; W. J. Duffie (2), Columbia 1st; H. H. Wyman, Harmony; F. Y. Legare, John's Island and Wadmalaw; J. A. Leland (2), Mt. Pleasant; R. T. Morrison, Jr., New Wappetaw; O. E. Johnson, Summerville; J. A. Enslow, Westminster; H. E. Swinton, Wilton; J. A. Peterkin (2), Richland; T. Kinkead, Columbia 2nd—11.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—R. H. Reid (2), A. A. James, T. H. Law, W. P. Jacobs, B. G. Clifford (2), D. A. Todd, J. M. Rose—7.

Elders—M. L. Venable (2), Antioch; H. B. Stewart, Fairview; N. J. Holmes, Lisbon; J. F. Dorroh, Washington Street—4.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. G. Richards, James McDowell, H. M. Brearley, J. E. Dunlop (2), N. W. Edmunds, Robert Bradley, J. S. Cozby, W. J. McKay (2), D. S. McAllister, W. C. Smith, H. G. Gilland, J. G. Law, E. G. Smith, S. E. Bishop, W. W. Mills, T. C. Whaling, T. F. Boozer (2), J. M. Plowden (2)—18.

Elders—J. B. Jennings, Bennettsville; R. J. McCreight, Camden; J. McRae, Carolina; J. W. Harrington (2), Centre Point; J. A. James, Cheraw; J. J. Brunson (2), Concord; J. J. James, Darlington; T. C. Gregg, Hopewell; T. M. McCutchen, Indiantown; W. K. Thompson, Liberty Hill; J. McIntyre, Little Pee Dee; I. W. Bradley, Mayesville; R. B. Wilson, Mt. Zion; W. J. Durant (3), New Harmony; G. N. Clark, Pisgah; H. L. McLaurin, Red Bluff; W. H. Steed (2), Reedy Creek; W. D. Rhodes, Salem; A. White, Sumter; J. M. Carson (2), Tirzah; J. A. Salter, Union; C. W. Carmichael, Dunbarton; D. W. McLaurin, Little Rock.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. F. Pearson (2), H. McLees (2), D. E. Frier-son (3), A. M. Hassel, R. M. Kirkpatrick, J. Lowrie Wilson, J. E. Fogartie (3)—7.

Elders—J. W. Norris (2), Anderson; S. Johnstone, Aveleigh; R. C. Brownlee (2), Greenville; W. B. Milwee (2), Greenwood; W. A. Dixon, Townville; C. Randell, Pendleton; W. T. Henderson (2), Rock; C. C. Teague, Smyrna; R. T. McIlwaine (2), Upper Long Cane—9

A B S E N T.

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. H. Saye, L. W. Curtis, D. Harrison, J. W. Spratt, L. R. McCormick (excused), H. B. Pratt, T. R. English, J. G. Hall, J. P. Marion—9.

Churches not Represented—Beersheba, Cedar Shoal, Douglass; Hopewell, Horeb, Lancasterville, Lebanon, Mispah, Pleasant Grove, Salem, Six Mile Creek, Tirzah, Zion, Richburg, Beulah, Calvary, Fort Lawn, Beth Salem—18.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. S. Vedder, G. R. Brackett (excused), J. B. Dunwoody, W. F. Junkin (excused), T. P. Hay, R. A. Mickle, S. I. Woodbridge, W. Howell Taylor, J. S. Brockington, C. E. Chichester, N. M. Woods—11.

Churches not Represented—Aiken, Allendale, Beaufort, Beech Island, Charleston 1st, Charleston 2nd, Ebenezer, Edisto Island, Orangeburg, Langley, Port Royal, Stoney Creek, Walterboro, Barhamville—15.

ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—C. B. Stewart, C. L. Stewart, J. W. Query, T. B. Craig, M. C. Britt—5.

Churches not Represented—Bethany, Cane Creek, Centre Point, Clinton, Duncan's Creek, Enoree, Fair Forest, Friendship, Glenn Springs, Grindall Shoals, Laurens C. H., Liberty

Spring, Lickville, Limestone, Little River, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Tabor (G.), Mt. Tabor (U.), Mt. Vernon, Nazareth, New Harmony, North Pacolet, Piedmont, Rocky Springs, Old Fields, Salem, Shady Grove, Spartanburg, Unionville, Woodruffs, Wellford, Dorroh, Waterloo—33.

HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—W. A. Gregg, D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, H. C. DuBose, R. D. Perry, H. B. Garriss, W. B. Corbett (excused), W. S. Bean, D. X. Lafar—9.

Churches not Represented—Beaver Creek, Bethel, Beulah, Bishopville, Brewington, Fair Hope, Florence, Great Pee Dee, Hephzibah, Kentyre, Kingston, Lynchburg, Manning, Marion, Midway, Pine Tree, Summerton, Turkey Creek, Wedgefield, Lake City, Richmond—22.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

Ministers—J. B. Adger (excused), J. O. Lindsay, J. R. Riley, T. C. Ligon, S. L. Morris (excused), H. C. Fennel, F. P. Mullally, J. McL. Seabrook (excused), W. T. Matthews, A. P. Nicholson—11.

Churches not Represented—Abbeville, Belton, Bethel, Bethia, Carmel, Central, Cokesbury, Ebenezer, Edgefield, Gilder's Creek, Good Hope, Honea Path, Hopewell, Lebanon, Liberty, Little Mountain, Midway, Mt. Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, Ninety-Six, Pickens C. H., Pickens, Providence, Retreat, Richland, Roberts, Rocky River, Seneca, Varennes, Walhalla, Westminster, Williamston, Willington, Troy, Tugaloo, Warrenton—37.

Rev. D. E. Jordan was elected Moderator, and Rev. R. A. Webb, Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Rev. T. C. Whaling, Synod adopted the following schedule for its daily sessions;

Morning session from 9½ a. m. to 1 p. m.

Afternoon session from 3:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Evening session at the discretion of Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 9:30 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by the Moderator.

SECOND DAY,

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 21, 9½ A. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Morse.

The Minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.—Minister—T. C. Whaling. Elder—Dr J. A. James.
2. BILLS AND OVERTURES.—Ministers—W. W. Mills, W. W. Ratchford, A. A. James. Elders—S. B. McCully, H. E. Swinton.
3. JUDICIAL BUSINESS.—Ministers—J. R. Dow, J. G. Richards, J. L. Wilson. Elders—H. B. Stewart, J. B. Jennings.
4. FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Ministers—J. H. Thornwell, Edwin Muller, D. A. Todd. Elders—C. Randell, R. P. Folkes.
5. HOME MISSIONS.—Ministers—W. P. Jacobs, W. G. Vardell, J. C. McMullen. Elders—J. D. Gwin, E. P. Hutson.
6. EDUCATION.—Ministers—N. W. Edmunds, A. M. Hassell, J. G. Law. Elders—J. F. Dorroh, R. J. McCreight.
7. PUBLICATION.—Ministers—A. A. Morse, W. B. Jennings, James McDowell. Elders—C. C. Teague, W. G. Campbell.
8. NARRATIVE.—Ministers—George Summey, T. H. Law, W. G. Neville. Elders—F. Y. Legare, N. J. Holmes.
9. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Ministers—D. S. McAllister, A. A. James, J. S. White. Elders—J. A. Enslow, J. D. Harrison.
10. FINANCE.—Elders—I. N. Withers, A. White.
11. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.—Ministers—W. T. Thompson, H. G. Gilland, W. B. Jennings. Elders—J. H. Wilson, J. F. Kennedy.
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Ministers—J. L. McLin, W. C. Smith, J. C. McMullen. Elders—H. L. McLaurin, W. K. Thompson.
13. PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.—
Bethel—Ministers—Edwin Muller. Elder—J. McRae.
Charleston—Minister—E. G. Smith. Elder—J. J. James.
Enoree—Minister—G. A. Blackburn. Elder—W. W. Brice.
Harmony—Minister—A. A. James. Elder—H. H. Wyman.
South Carolina—Minister—J. A. Wilson. Elder—R. T. Morison, Jr.

The following additional members appeared, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and were enrolled:

From Bethel Presbytery—Rev. Roger Martin, and Elders J. F. Hart, Yorkville Church; W. J. Bowen, Beth Shiloh; S. D. Simril, Allison Creek; J. B. Dixon, Catholic.

Charleston Presbytery—Elder W. J. Duffie, 1st Church, Columbia.

Enoree Presbytery—Rev. R. H. Reid, Rev. B. G. Clifford, and Elder M. L. Venable, Antioch Church.

Harmony Presbytery—Rev. W. J. McKay, Rev. J. E. Dunlop, and Rev. T. F. Boozer; and Elders W. H. Steed, Reedy Creek Church; J. M. Carson, Tirzah; J. J. Brunson, Concord.

South Carolina Presbytery—Rev. H. McLees, Rev. W. F. Pearson; and Elders R. C. Brownlee, Greenville Church; A. T. McIlwaine, Upper Long Cane; W. B. Milwee, Greenwood; W. T. Henderson, Rock; J. W. Norris, Anderson.

Excuses for absence were received from Revs. W. B. Corbett, J. McL. Seabrook, S. L. Morris and Dr. G. R. Brackett, and were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

A communication was received from Hon. James Hemphill, tendering his resignation as a Director of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting to attend to the printing of the Centennial papers, reported that those papers had been printed through the efficient efforts of Rev. George Summey; and on motion, the special thanks of Synod were returned to Bro. Summey for his good services.

Rev. R. A. Webb, of the Special Committee to prepare a minute concerning Rev. L. H. Robinson, deceased, stated that the committee was prepared to report. On motion, the hearing of this report was deferred until reports of a similar character can be heard, at a later stage of the meeting.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented a resolution, which, upon his own motion was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The several Presbyteries presented their narratives, which

were referred to the Committee on the Narrative; and also the following

STATISTICAL REPORTS:

Bethel Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Bethel reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 26 ministers and 43 churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 3 candidates. It has organized the churches of Fort Lawn and Beth Salem. It continues to employ one evangelist in the field. It has received the Rev. Roger Martin from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and installed him pastor of the churches of Allison Creek and Beth Shiloh; also the Rev. W. G. Neville from the Presbytery of South Carolina, and installed him pastor of Concord; also the Rev. J. L. McLin from the Presbytery of Harmony, and installed him pastor of the churches of Catholic and Pleasant Grove. It has released the Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson from the pastoral charge of Bethesda, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of South Carolina. It has also dissolved the pastoral relation between the churches of Lebanon and Horeb and the Rev. J. P. Marion, and arranged to install him pastor of Lancaster, from which it released the Rev. H. B. Pratt. It has also broken the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. R. McAlpine and the church of Beersheba, and left him in charge of Bullock's Creek. It has licensed candidate J. A. Wilson, and ordained and installed him pastor of the churches of Aimwell and Longtown. It has received licentiate G. A. Blackburn from the Presbytery of North Alabama, and ordained and installed him pastor of the church of Olivet. It has received candidate J. H. Lumkin from the Presbytery of Cherokee, and put him to labor at Richburg and Fort Lawn. The church of Bethesda has made a call for licentiate B. P. Reid, of Enoree Presbytery, and he is now *in transitu*.

R. A. WEBB, Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery.

Charleston Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of 20 ministers and 26 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate. It employs one evangelist, and all our congregations, except three, are steadily supplied with the means of grace. The three churches are vacant on account of the death of one of our evangelists.

Since the last meeting of Synod, this Presbytery has dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. B. Dunwoody and the Waltherboro Church. It gave to Rev. W. H. Hunt, of Kingston Presby-

tery, Canada, leave to labor for three months in the Walterboro Church. It has granted to Rev. J. D. Taddock, D. D., of the Presbytery of Holston, leave to labor within our bounds until the next stated meeting of our body. It has organized a new church in Columbia, called "The Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia," and has installed Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., as pastor of said church. It has received from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, N. C., Rev. Neander M. Woods, and it has taken steps to install him pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia on the second Sabbath in December next, to which church he has been called. It has received from Harmony Presbytery Licentiate Thomas P. Burgess, and has ordained and installed him pastor of Ebenezer Church, Charleston. It has transferred Licentiate W. A. Caldwell to the care of Enoree Presbytery. It has licensed Mr. E. P. Hutson, a ruling elder of Barnwell Church, to preach the gospel.

Rev. Samuel H. Hay has departed this life.

In consequence of the late earthquake, several of our church edifices on the coast, and especially in the City of Charleston, have been seriously injured. Energetic steps have been taken to raise means sufficient to repair the injury.

The Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, have erected a commodious and beautiful Sunday-school room, which they hope to occupy at the close of the present year.

JOHN R. DOW, Stated Clerk.

Enoree Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Enoree reports to Synod that it consists of 12 ministers, 37 churches (composed of 2300 members), and that it has under its care 3 licentiates and 3 candidates.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. Y. Fair and the church at Laurens C. H., and dismissed him and Rev. R. A. Fair to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. It has also dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. H. Nall and the Washington Street Church, and dismissed him to the Dallas Presbytery, Texas. It has received Rev. J. M. Rose from the Presbytery of Wilmington, and installed him pastor of Washington Street Church, Greenville. It has authorized the church at Unionville to prosecute a call for the services of licentiate W. A. Caldwell.

It has organized churches at Waterloo and Dorroh, and appointed commissions to organize churches at Bramlettes and Pacolet. It has dismissed licentiate B. P. Reid to the care of the Presbytery of Bethel. It has installed Rev. T. B. Craig pastor of Liberty Springs and Lisbon Churches; Rev. M. C. Britt, pastor of Fairview Church, and Rev. A. A. James, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Church.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery.

Harmony Presbytery is composed of 27 ministers and 49 churches. It has under its care two licentiates and five candidates. Licentiates S. E. Bishop and J. W. Plowden have been ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. The pastoral relation between the Rev. J. L. McLin and the Centre Point and Turkey Creek Churches, and the relation between the Rev. J. S. Cozby and the Mt. Zion Church, have been dissolved. The former has been dismissed to Bethel Presbytery. Licentiate T. P. Burgess has been transferred to the care of Charles-Presbytery. The Rev. S. E. Bishop has been installed pastor of the Midway and Bethel Churches. Candidate W. H. Workman has been licensed to preach the gospel. One new church, under the name of Little Rock, has been organized. The Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., has departed this life.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery.

The Presbytery of South Carolina respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it is composed of 18 ministers and 49 churches, and has under its care 2 licentiates and 5 candidates for the ministry. Since last report it has dismissed Rev. W. G. Neville to the Bethel Presbytery. Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson, D. D., has been received from Bethel Presbytery, and installed pastor of the Abbeville church; Rev. R. M. Kirkpatrick, from East Alabama Presbytery, and installed pastor of Retreat and Westminster Churches; Rev. J. E. Fogartie, from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and a committee appointed to install him pastor of the Walkalla Church; and Rev. A. P. Nicholson, from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. It has installed Rev. J. McL. Seabrook pastor of Seneca Church. It received under its care candidate R. L. Fulton from the Presbytery of Savannah, and licensed candidates W. L. Boggs, S. R. Riley and R. L. Fulton to preach the gospel, and dismissed the latter to the Presbytery of New Orleans. Churches have been organized at Mt. Carmel and Easley. It received Messrs. W. K. Boggs, W. W. Sadtler, J. D. Dickson and Hugh R. Murchison under its care as candidates for the gospel ministry.

S. L. MORRIS, Stated Clerk.

Rev. J. E. Morrison and A. G. Buckner, Synod of North Carolina, and J. H. Alexander, Synod of Georgia, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. J. W. Elkins and W. I. Herbert, of the M. E. Church, South, and G. W. Harmon, of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit as visiting brethren.

After hearing these reports of the Presbyteries, the Synod went into a conference upon the state of religion and the work of the Presbyteries. This conference was continued for some time, many interesting and encouraging facts concerning the work of Domestic Missions and the growth of the Church in our bounds being brought out. At the close of the conference the Synod returned to the matters on the docket.

The Stated Clerk presented and Synod referred to the Committee on Finance the following

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in Account with the Synod of South Carolina:

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To balance in hand at last report.....	\$ 24 55	
To Assessment Bethel Presbytery paid.....	40 00	
To Assessment Harmony Presytery paid.....	40 00	
To Assessment Enoree Presbytery paid.....	30 00	
To Assessment South Carolina Presbytery paid.....	40 00	
To Assessment Charleston Presbytery paid.....	30 00	
By net expense printing and distributing minutes.....		\$101 55
By Stated Clerk's salary.....		100 00
By balance in hand.....		3 00
	\$204 55	\$204 55

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, Treasurer.

The report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary; together with the records of the Board.

The report of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, &c., was read, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. J. McKay, and Messrs. E. P. Moore and N. J. Holmes.

Rev. T. C. Whaling, of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, reported, recommending a conference upon Foreign Missions this evening.

On motion, it was

Resolved, as the sense of Synod, that this matter pertains to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Synod took recess till 3½ o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod resumed business.

The Rev. J. H. Thornwell presented the following which was adopted:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report in part, recommending that Synod hold a conference upon Foreign Missions this evening at 8 o'clock; and that the Moderator preside and open the exercises, and that addresses be delivered by Rev. Messrs. A. A. Morse, J. B. Mack, W. P. Jacobs, J. L. Girardeau, and such other brethren as may feel inclined to speak. And also that a collection be taken up for the cause of Foreign Missions.

The Committee would further call the attention of the Synod to the fact that since our last meeting the Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., the venerable and beloved Secretary Emeritus of Foreign Missions, has been called from his earthly labors and translated to a better service.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Adger sent a written excuse for absence from this meeting, which was read and referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Rev. J. M. Plowden appeared and was enrolled.

Elder J. A. Peterkin, Richland Church, Charleston Presbytery, appeared, gave satisfactory reason for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Rev. D. S. McAllister, of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report, in part, from a majority of the committee, as follows:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary begs to submit the following partial report:

We recommend that the Synod adopt the paper presented by Dr. Girardeau—"That this Synod, being deeply sensible of its responsibility for the administration of the high and solemn trust reposed in its hands in connexion with the Theological Seminary, and deeming it important to the *future* welfare and efficiency of that institution that Dr. Woodrow should withdraw from relation to it, hereby requests him to signify to the Synod, at once, his willingness to tender to the Board of Directors, at an early day, his resignation of the Perkins Chair;" and that this action be telegraphed, by special committee, at once, to Dr. Woodrow, requesting an immediate answer.

D. S. McALLISTER.

A. A. JAMES.

J. A. ENSLOW.

Rev. J. S. White, in behalf of a minority of the Committee, proposed the following amendment to the above report of the majority:

It is understood that this resolution is based simply upon the present deplorable condition of the Seminary, without naming any parties responsible for it; and further upon what seems to be necessary for the future welfare of that institution; and it has no connection, so far as this request is concerned, with any charges, or any action heretofore taken by our Church courts in reference to the Perkins Professor.

J. S. WHITE.

J. D. HARRISON.

The amendment being put, was lost by a vote of 27 to 90.

The session being, on motion, extended to 6 o'clock. Synod then took recess till 8 o'clock:

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EVENING SESSION.

8 o'clock P. M.

Synod assembled and engaged in a Foreign Missionary meeting, according to the programme adopted to day. At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken up.

J. A. Leland of Mt. Pleasant Church, Charleston Presbytery; J. W. Harrington, Centre Point Church, Harmony Presbytery; S. R. Johnson, Mt. Olivet Church, Bethel Presbytery; and Rev. Jas. Douglass, appeared, rendered satisfactory excuses for tardiness and were enrolled.

The unfinished business was resumed. The report of the majority of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was adopted by a vote of 71 to 42. Rev. Messrs. McAllister and Gilland were appointed the committee to telegraph Dr. Woodrow.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 9½ a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. White.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION:

FRIDAY, OCT: 22, 9:30 A. M.

The Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. McAlpine.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Rev. L. R. McCormick, who has lately been stricken with paralysis, sent a verbal excuse for absence from this meeting. The excuse, on motion, was sustained, and the Synod tenders its sympathies to the brother in his painful affliction.

The Moderator announced as committees to bring in minutes concerning brethren whose decease was mentioned in the statistical reports of the Presbyteries:

Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D.; *Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, D. D.*, Rev. J. S. Cozby.

The Stated Clerk reminded the Synod that the term of office of T. B. Fraser and J. A. Smyth, as directors of the Seminary, expires at this meeting, and that Judge Fraser declines re-election.

Rev. Edwin Muller reported on the Records of Bethel Presbytery, and Rev. E. G. Smith, on the Records of Charleston Presbytery; both recommending approval. The reports were adopted.

Rev. W. J. McKay presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Report of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church and their Families, respectfully reports, recommending that the Synod receive the said report as information; that it reaffirm its approval of the objects of the Society, and that the same officers be reappointed to serve for the ensuing year.

W. J. MCKAY, for Committee

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented, and Synod adopted by a rising vote, the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Synod expresses its profound sympathy with the people of Charleston and the surrounding country in view of the sufferings occasioned by the late dreadful shock of earthquake.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, reported in part, for a majority of the committee, as follows:

Your Committee upon the Minutes of the General Assembly, beg leave respectfully to call the attention of the Synod—

First—To the report on overture No. 8, which was adopted, found on page 48, and which is as follows: "The Synod has power to convene a meeting of any of its constituent Presbyteries during the sessions of Synod to attend to any of the interests of religion within the bounds of Synod which require immediate attention, and which are specified in the case."

Second—To the deliverance of the Assembly construing our Standards touching the creation of man; and recommend that the Synod approve this construction.

Rev. W. B. Jennings, of the same Committee, presented a minority report, recommending that the Synod take no action in the matter.

Both reports were accepted and made the first order for this morning.

Rev. D. E. Frierson, D. D., and Rev. J. E. Fogartie, and W. J. Durant, New Harmony Church, Harmony Presbytery, appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled.

Rev. G. A. Blackburn, of the Committee on the Records of Enoree Presbytery, presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee reports:

We have examined the Minutes of Enoree Presbytery. We find them regularly kept and officially signed.

We recommend their approval, with the following exception: There is nothing in the records to show that the 25th session of the Presbytery was opened with prayer.

G. A. BLACKBURN.

W. WATT BRICE.

The first order of the day, viz: the reports of the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly, was taken up; and upon a motion to adopt the majority report, the report was, on motion, considered *seriatim*.

The first item was, on motion, placed on the docket. For the second item, the Rev. W. B. Jennings moved the adoption

of the minority report as a substitute. The substitute was lost by a vote of 79 to 45.

The original paper, the second item of the majority report, was adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being called and ordered to be recorded:

AYES.—W. W. Ratchford, J. C. McMullen, W. G. White, D. E. Jordan, J. H. Thornwell, R. A. Webb, J. R. McAlpine, George Summey, Roger Martin, G. A. Blackburn, J. L. Girardeau, J. R. Dow, J. B. Mack, F. Jacobs, W. T. Thomson, W. G. Vardell, T. P. Burgess, R. H. Reid, A. A. James, W. P. Jacobs, B. G. Clifford, J. M. Rose James McDowell, H. M. Brearley, J. E. Dunlop, N. W. Edmunds, D. S. McAllister, W. C. Smith, H. G. Gilland, J. G. Law, E. G. Smith, W. F. Pearson, J. L. Wilson, D. E. Frierson, J. E. Fogartie, S. D. Simril, S. B. McCully, J. H. Wilson, W. J. Bowen, A. K. Sherrar, R. P. Folkes, J. D. Gwin, J. F. Carothers, J. H. McMurray, L. M. Culp, J. A. Hope, E. J. Robbin, W. G. Campbell, E. P. Moore, M. P. Farris, E. R. Mills, R. A. Latimer, W. W. Walknp, E. P. Hutson, H. H. Wyman, F. Y. Legare, R. T. Morrison, Jr., O. E. Johnson, J. A. Enslow, H. E. Swinton, T. Kinkead, J. A. Peterkin, J. A. Leland, M. L. Venable, H. B. Stewart, J. F. Dorroh, J. McRae, J. A. James, J. J. James, T. C. Gregg, J. McIntyre, J. W. Harrington, H. L. McLaurin, W. H. Steed, A. White, J. A. Salter, G. W. Carmichael, D. W. McLaurin, W. A. Dickson, A. T. McIlwaine, R. C. Brownlee—81.

NOES.—J. S. White, M. R. Kirkpatrick, W. B. Jennings, W. G. Neville, J. L. McLin, J. A. Wilson, James Douglass, Edwin Muller, A. A. Morse, T. H. Law, D. A. Todd, J. G. Richards, Robert Bradley, J. S. Cozby, W. J. McKay, S. E. Bishop, W. W. Mills, T. C. Whaling, J. M. Plowden, T. F. Boozer, H. McLees, A. M. Hassell, R. M. Kirkpatrick, J. F. Kennedy, W. W. Brice, J. D. Harrison, I. N. Withers, J. F. Hart, J. B. Dixon, S. R. Johnston, W. J. Duffie, N. J. Holmes, J. B. Jennings, R. J. McCreight, T. M. McCutchen, W. K. Thompson, I. W. Bradley, R. B. Wilson, G. D. Clark, J. J. Brunson, W. D. Rhodes, J. M. Carson, W. J. Durant, J. W. Norris, S. Johnstone, W. B. Milwee, W. T. Henderson, C. C. Teague—49:

The Committee appointed to telegraph Dr. Woodrow, reported the following telegram just delivered, which was received as information:

I have just received your telegram. Under existing circumstances I respectfully decline complying with the Synod's request.

JAMES WOODROW

Rev. D. S. McAllister, of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, presented a report, which was, on motion, received and made the first order for this afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau moved the following resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 78 to 42.

WHEREAS, This Synod adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Synod being deeply sensible of its responsibility for the administration of the high and solemn trust reposed in its hands in connexion with the Theological Seminary, and deeming it important to the future welfare and efficiency of that institution that Dr. Woodrow should withdraw from relation to it, hereby requests him to signify to the Synod at once his willingness to tender to the Board of Directors, at an early day, his resignation of the Perkins Chair, and that this action be telegraphed by special committee, at once, to Dr. Woodrow requesting immediate answer.

AND WHEREAS, Dr. Woodrow has declined to comply with this request of the Synod, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod of South Carolina, the other Synods concurring, does hereby instruct the Board of Directors to meet at as early a day as practicable after the meeting of the Synod of South Georgia and Florida, and renew the request to Dr. Woodrow for his resignation; and, if he shall decline to accede to that request, the Board are hereby ordered to declare the Perkins Professorship vacant, and make such provision for the Department as may seem best.

The Synod then, having extended the session to 1½ p. m., took recess.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

3½ o'clock P. M.

Upon the reassembling of Synod the Rev. Geo. Summey of the Committee presented and Synod adopted the following

NARRATIVE:

The Committee on the Narrative respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that reports have come from all of the Presbyteries. From these the following general facts are obtained:

That Church officers have been faithful and earnest in the discharge of their duties.

That the ordinances have been maintained regularly in almost all our churches, with attendance generally reported to be increasing.

That Sabbath School work has been conducted with growing interest.

That as to intemperance, Sabbath desecration and worldly amusements, in respect to which there has been much to be deplored in some quarters in the past, there has been decided improvement within the past year.

That Sessions have been striving with unusual faithfulness to maintain the discipline of the Church.

That family religion is at a low ebb, so far as manifested by family worship; all the reports setting forth and deploring this sad fact.

That the liberality of the people, as indicated by their support of the different departments of Church work, has been fairly good.

That, to an unusual extent, revivals of religion have been enjoyed throughout all our bounds, in many instances large accessions having been made to our churches; and God having bestowed special favor upon the Evangelistic Work in our several Presbyteries, and upon a large number of our feebler churches. For this we owe special thanksgiving to the Head of the Church and renewed consecration to His service.

GEORGE SUMMEY, Chairman.

Rev. J. A. Wilson reported on the Records of South Carolina Presbytery, recommending their approval. Adopted.

Rev. A. A. Morse, D. D., presented and Synod adopted the following:

The Committee on Publication respectfully submit their report. No papers have come into our hands in relation to the General Assembly's Committee of Publication. We simply call the attention of the members of Synod and of all our people to the valuable work this Committee is doing, and urge that, in accordance with the direction of the General Assembly, the endeavor be made at the Annual Collection in March next to secure as large collections as possible, and free the Committee entirely from debt.

The order of the day was called, and the Synod took up the report of the Committee on the Seminary. The report was considered *seriatim*. The first and second recommendations were adopted.

For the third, a substitute was presented by the minority, recommending that the election of Professors by the Board and its efforts to continue the work of the Seminary, be approved.

The substitute was lost by a vote of 46 to 61.

The recommendation of the majority report was then laid on the table. It is as follows:

We recommend that the Synod disapprove the action of the Board of Directors in the election of Drs. Lefevre and Hersman as Professors in the Seminary under the existing circumstances.

For the fourth recommendation of the majority report, the minority recommended that the action of the Board of Directors, in not proceeding to remove Dr. Woodrow without trial

after his refusal to resign, be approved. The substitute was lost.

The recommendation of the majority was adopted by a vote of 69 to 52.

The fifth and sixth recommendations were adopted.

For the seventh recommendation, Dr. Girardeau moved a substitute, which was adopted:

The report was adopted as a whole, and as amended is as follows:

1. We recommend that the Synod accept the resignation of Hon. James Hemphill of the Board of Directors, with thanks for his long and efficient services,

2. It has come to the knowledge of your committee officially that the terms of Hon. T. B. Fraser and J. Adger Smyth, as Directors, have expired, and that successors to these brethren are to be elected, as well as to Mr. Hemphill.

4. We recommend that the Synod disapprove the action of the Board in continuing Dr. Woodrow in his chair after their request for his resignation had been declined.

5. We recommend that Synod approve the action of the Board in suspending the exercises of the Seminary till 3rd Monday in September, 1887.

6. We have examined the records, and recommend that they be received as information; and that the report of the Board be printed in the appendix to the Minutes of Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That a Committee of two from each of the Synods controlling the Seminary, the other Synods concurring,, be appointed to revise the Constitution of the Seminary and report at the meetings of the Synods in 1887; the Joint Committee to meet at Atlanta, Ga., at a time agreed upon by its members, and to elect its own Chairman; the duty of convening the Committee to be assigned to the person first named on the Georgia Committee.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to each of the Stated Clerks of the other Synods at as early a day as possible.

Rev. A. A. James reported, recommending the approval of the Records of Harmony Presbytery. Adopted.

Rev. N. W. Edmunds presented and Synod adopted the following report on Education:

The Standing Committee on Education reports: That no matter requiring the special attention of Synod has been put into their hands except, perhaps, to call attention to a resolution of the As-

sembly, That the last Thursday in January, 1887, be set apart as a day of special prayer for schools, colleges and seminaries of learning, and that God's people be urged to gather in their respective places of worship and implore God to pour out His Spirit upon the youth of our land.

The following were elected Directors of the Theological Seminary: Rev. J. C. McMullen, to fill the unexpired term (two years) of Hon. James Hemphill, and Rev. J. G. Law and Dr. H. E. Shepherd for three years.

The Rev. Dr. Thompson presented and Synod adopted the following as the conclusion of the Report on the Minutes of the Assembly:

Inasmuch as the action of Synod, requesting Dr. Woodrow to resign, has anticipated the only remaining matter the Committee expected to bring to the attention of the Synod, it has nothing further to report.

W. T. THOMPSON.

The first item of the report was called from the docket and adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Judicial Committee having had nothing to come into its hands was, at its own request, discharged.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau presented and Synod adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That with profound deference for the General Assembly, this Synod begs to say to the Supreme Court that it did not deem it expedient to make its recommendation concerning Dr. Woodrow's connexion with the Theological Seminary a ground of its action touching that matter.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay the expense of the telegram to Dr. Woodrow.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs presented a report on Home Missions, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that they have had reports put into their hands from the Presbyteries of Enoree, Charleston, Bethel and Harmony.

Bethel Presbytery reports great success in the prosecution of its Evangelistic work. It has maintained an Evangelist in the field, and has likewise required much home mission work of its settled pastors.

Charleston Presbytery has had but one Evangelist in the field; the other having been taken away by death, and his place soon to be

supplied. The work has been prosecuted with success, though fear is entertained of its hindrance by the disaster that has befallen the Charleston churches.

Enoree Presbytery has had no Evangelist in the field, but much Evangelistic labor has been done by the pastors and by licentiate: employed during vacation.

Harmony Presbytery has had two Evangelists in the field—one for the whole and the other for one-fourth of his time. There is prospect of the speedy organization of two churches as the result of these labors.

From South Carolina Presbytery no report has been received, but private information indicates great activity in this work on their part.

Your Committee recommend:

1st. That all our Presbyteries be urged to enlarge their work by increasing the number of the Evangelists; and that those Presbyteries that have as yet no Evangelist, make arrangements to that end as soon as practicable.

2nd. That Synod heartily commend the plan adopted by Bethel Presbytery, of sending their Evangelists into unoccupied territory mainly, thus conveying the gospel to the regions beyond.

3rd. That Synod commend to our Presbyteries the extension of the plan adopted by some Presbyteries, of encouraging pastors to occupy all available points for chapel services in destitute places within reach.

4th. That Synod recommend to Harmony Presbytery to make special efforts to sustain one Evangelist in Georgetown County; that South Carolina and Charleston Presbytery unite in a similar effort for Lexington County; and Enoree Presbytery, for its Piedmont region and other unoccupied territory.

5th. We call attention to the fact, that there are many of our people who seem to regard the Evangelistic cause as one requiring very small donations, as compared with other interests of the Church. It is recommended that Synod emphasize the importance of this object of benevolence, and urge upon its ministers the importance of occasionally preaching specially upon this subject.

The Committee on Finance presented and Synod adopted the following report:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that the Treasurer's report to Synod is the only matter placed in their hands, which, on examination, they find correct, and the disbursements properly vouched. This report shows a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of three (3.00) dollars. We recommend that 2,000 copies of the Min-

utes of this meeting be printed, and that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows: Bethel and Harmony each, forty-five (45.00) dollars; South Carolina, forty (40.00) dollars; Charleston, thirty-five (35.00) dollars; Enoree, thirty-five (35.00) dollars. Total, \$200.

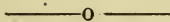
I. N. WITHERS, Chairman.

It was, on motion, made the order for this evening, after preaching, to hear the memorials concerning deceased brethren.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was, at its own request, discharged, no business having come into its hands.

Rev. Dr. Girardeau and Rev. George Summey were appointed the committee on behalf of this Synod to revise the Constitution of the Seminary.

Synod took recess till the close of divine worship this evening.



EVENING SESSION.

9½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod resumed business at the close of a preaching service conducted by Rev. Dr. Thompson.

The Synod then held a memorial service. The following minutes of deceased brethren were read and adopted:

REV. JOHN LEIGHTON WILSON, D. D.

The Synod of South Carolina, in making this minute of the death of the Rev. John Leighton Wilson, D. D., desires, first of all, to declare its gratitude to Almighty God for having raised up in our very midst this beloved man, who has filled so large a place in the affections of God's people, and in the history of the Presbyterian Church during this generation. The death of such a man leaves a void, which is sorrowfully realized, throughout the length and breadth of our Church; and we earnestly hope his mantle has descended upon some divinely chosen son of the prophets, who may take up the great work which his forerunner laid down, when God called him to the Heavenly Rest.

Dr. Wilson was born in Sumter County, South Carolina, March 25th, 1809. His father was a farmer, and on the farm Dr. Wilson spent his childhood and youth, where by active outdoor pursuits he laid, as he believed, the foundation of that remarkable physical strength, which enabled him to endure for nearly twenty years the

strain of a residence in tropical Africa, and the subsequent burden of thirty years of official life as Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The rudiments of his education were laid in the unpretentious log school house, where, by assiduous attention to his studies, followed by a brief preparatory course in the Academy in Winnsboro, he was fitted, when about seventeen years, of age to enter Union College, New York, from which institution he was graduated in 1829. After his graduation he taught school at Hadrill's Point, near Charleston, and while so engaged he became the subject of the renewing grace of God; and with the vows of consecration fresh upon him, he resigned his position in the Academy, and entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, which was just opening, and became a member of the first class in this Institution. Near the close of his Seminary course there was a deep interest awakened among the students in regard to the claims of the Heathen nations upon the Church of God for the gospel of Jesus Christ, and Dr. Wilson, with others, responded promptly to this call, and devoted himself—mind, soul and body—to the great work of Foreign Missions. In choosing his field of labor, his mind and heart were turned to Africa, not only because it had been a very much neglected portion of the world by Christian nations, but because he believed that America, and particularly the South, owed it to Africa to send her the gospel, inasmuch as so many of her dark skinned children were held in bondage by us. With this, his chosen field, in view, he was ordained in the spring of 1833, as a Missionary to Africa, by Harmony Presbytery. In order to fit himself more fully for his field, he studied Arabic at Andover Seminary, Massachusetts, during the summer of 1833, and then in November of the same year, he sailed from Baltimore, Md., on a voyage of exploration to Western Africa, returning the following spring. As the result of this exploration, he decided on Cape Palmas, Western Africa, as the most promising place to commence his missionary work. Extended accounts of this exploration were published in the *Missionary Herald*, of Boston, in the year 1834. In May, 1834, he was united in marriage to Miss Jane Elizabeth Bayard, of Savannah, Ga., a woman of deep piety, of true Christian courage, and a real help-mate to her husband, on whose excellent judgment he was wont greatly to rely, and to whom he was known to attribute much of the success that crowned his efforts in his various spheres of labor. In 1834 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson sailed for Cape Palmas, where they arrived at the close of the year. They remained at Cape Palmas seven years. During these years they accomplished the following work: A church of forty members organized; more than a hundred native youth educated; the Gubo language reduced to writing; a grammar and dictionary of the language published; the Gospels of Matthew and John translated, and, with six or eight other small volumes, published in the native language. In 1842 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson removed to the Gaboon River, 1,200 miles southeast of Cape Palmas, and commenced a new mission among the Mpongwe people. Here again the language was reduced to writing for the first time. A grammar, a vocabulary, portions of the Bible, and a number of small volumes were published in the native language. In the spring of 1853, owing to the failure of Mrs. Wilson's health, he and his wife returned to America. In the autumn of 1852, he entered the office of Secretary of Foreign Missions in New York, and continued to discharge the duties of that office until the commencement of the late civil war, when he returned to his home in the South. Dr. Wilson was associated with many dear and honored friends in New York, whom, doubtless, he was loth to part

with; but when the bugle notes of war sounded, and his native State called her sons to arms in defence of her rights, his patriotism was stirred to its profoundest depths, and he hastened home to cast in his lot with his people, and share their welfare or their woe. Dr. Wilson was present at the organization of the Southern Presbyterian Church, and his practical wisdom had a decided, moulding influence in giving shape to all the agencies of our Church for the general work of evangelization, both in the home and in the foreign field. He was also appointed Secretary of Foreign Missions at this time, and this office he continued to hold, and its arduous duties to perform very ably, until the year 1885, when, on account of his age and bodily infirmities, his resignation was accepted, and he was made Secretary Emeritus, with an income sufficient for his maintenance. Dr. Wilson was eminently a man of work. After his return from Africa, he published in the year 1854 a volume of five hundred pages on Western Africa; Its History, Condition and Prospects. Dr. Livingstone pronounced this volume the best book ever published on that part of Africa. In 1822, a strong effort having been made in the British Parliament to withdraw the British squadron from the coast of Africa, under the impression that the foreign slave trade could not be broken up, Dr. Wilson wrote a pamphlet, showing that the impression was erroneous, and indicating what was wanting to make the effort to suppress the slave trade successful. The pamphlet fell into the hands of Lord Palmerston, and was, by his order, published in the United Service Journal and afterwards in the Blue Book of Parliament. An edition of 10,000 copies was circulated throughout the Kingdom. Lord Palmerston informed Dr. Wilson that this pamphlet put an end to all opposition to the continuance of the squadron, and in less than five years the slave trade itself was brought to an end. During his residence in New York, Dr. Wilson acted as Editor of the foreign department of the Home and Foreign Record, and after the organization of the Southern Presbyterian Church, he edited the Missionary until his retirement from the official duties of Secretary of Foreign Missions. He published in whole or in part more than thirty annual reports on Foreign Missions, and seven on Home Missions. He also published about thirty articles in the Southern Presbyterian Review, and in other literary and scientific reviews. While in Africa, Dr. Wilson procured and sent to the Boston Society of Natural History the first specimen of the gorilla known in modern times. Dr. Wilson's public life extended over fifty years. These fifty years have recorded wonderful progress in the foreign mission work. They constitute a great missionary age in the history of the Church. It is only fair to remark that amongst the great workers in this branch of Christian service, Dr. Wilson stood with the first. The Synod of South Carolina will recognize the truthfulness of the pen-portrait drawn by another, and which we here reproduce. "Dr. Wilson had a commanding presence; his features were clearly marked, and indicated physical and intellectual strength; his manly form was graced with dignity. Affable and courteous in address, he exerted over those about him a great charm. His varied information made him the attractive centre of the social circle. He was just in judgment, wise in counsel, practical in method, and endowed in an eminent degree with executive ability. His life was devoted to foreign missions—both in the active service in the field, and in the direction and management of the work from the office at home. In this work he has achieved his greatest distinction, and for it he will be longest remembered."

In consequence of age and increasing bodily infirmities he was, at his own request, in 1885 retired from the Secretaryship, which he had so long filled. He then returned to Sumter County, and to the old home of his infancy and youth, where he passed the remainder of his days on earth. He died on the 13th of July, 1886, in the 78th year of his age. "And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." From an almost daily intercourse with this man of God, after his retirement from official responsibilities, the writer is able to say that Dr. Wilson was to the last the same great-hearted man that he had ever been. His zeal for the cause of Christ did not flag, even when his bodily infirmities were increased; and his interest in the Church never abated. Even when he had taken his bed to die, and when too feeble to converse, he would request that his Church news should be told him in as few words as possible. From a private letter received from one of Dr. Wilson's dear friends, since his death, we make the following extract, which will commend itself: "The Psalmist's devotion to the Church, when he wrote the 137th Psalm, was hardly greater or more heroic than Dr. Wilson's to the Church of Christ in his day. Our version of this Psalm is a true expression of his whole life—

'For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.'

Before his sad illness he said to the writer, he hoped he had learned to die; and to another he wrote, that he was consciously growing more and more feeble, but he did not regret it. His illness was protracted through several weeks, but loving ones stood by him day and night, ministering to his every want. With others, we esteemed it a great honor and privilege to be permitted to lift, in its season of weakness, the stalwart frame that for the love of Christ had been in journeyings often—in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among the heathen—and to moisten with cold water the tongue that had moved our Church, as no other had done, to carry the water of life to the perishing millions of the earth. He conversed but little during his illness, being for the most part in a semi-conscious or sleeping state. He told us that he suffered no pain, and his death was without a struggle. He only ceased breathing, and then we saw that he was dead. His remains were taken the next day to the Mt. Zion Church, where simple funeral services were held, participated in by Dr. James Woodrow, N. W. Edmunds and the pastor of the church. We sung, as his funeral hymn,

"From Greenland's icy mountains,"

and then, with chastened feelings, we buried his body in the burying place of his fathers, by the side of his beloved wife, who had preceded him just a year before. His grave was covered with flowers, and just as the sun was setting a sorrowful multitude turned their steps homeward, realizing that they had suffered a great bereavement. When his will was opened it was found that he had bequeathed four hundred dollars to the cause of Foreign Missions. He rests from his labors, and his works follow him.

J. S. COZBY.

REV. L. H. ROBINSON.

The Rev. Lawrence H. Robinson was born near Craigville, in Lancaster County, S. C., October 6, 1855, and died at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Daniel Hall, Sr., in Fairfield County, S. C., July 3, 1885, at 4.35 o'clock in the morning. He was the son of the Rev. D. P. and Mrs. Margaret Robinson, and the brother of the Rev. G. S. Robinson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Pineville, N. C., His father was at first a minister of the Associate Reformed Church, but was subsequently a member of Bethel and Mecklenburg Presbyteries.

Our deceased brother graduated from Erskine College, located at Due West, S. C., in July, 1877. In September of the same year he entered the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C., where he took the regular course of three years, graduating with the class of 1880. Perhaps during his entire Seminary course he did not enjoy one solitary day of perfect health, entirely free from bodily suffering—he daily complained of severe pains in his chest. Yet he urged on his nervous, inquiring mind. He was perpetually hunting the solution of some problem which was taking his thought. In the class-room, on the grounds, in his pleasure-walks, everywhere, he manifested this same restless anxiety for satisfactory information concerning the topic which was engaging his attention. He, however, increased his own dissatisfaction with his studies by failing to pursue a subject until he had reached a definite conclusion and filed it away in his memory. He did not always arch as he tunnelled, and consequently his associates saw him frequently going over the same ground, and very much fretted with himself. Much of this, no doubt, is to be set down to the derangement of his health. His whole Seminary course was marked by eminent conscientiousness and piety. He was known to be devoted, in his private communings, with his Saviour, and he had much of the Bible stored away in his memory.

On April 5th, 1879, the Presbytery of Bethel, in session at Bethel Church, licensed him to preach to Gospel as a probationer, while he was yet a student in the Seminary; and on November 12th, 1881, this same Presbytery ordained and installed him Pastor of Pleasant Grove Church, and shortly afterward of Catholic Church, both of which are in Chester County. While Pastor of these churches, he married Miss Susan Irene Hall, the daughter of Daniel Hall, Sr., of Fairfield County, October 3d, 1883, at whose house he expired last July, after a protracted illness of typhoid fever. His father, wife, sister and three brothers survive him.

He began and closed his short ministry of three and a half years as the pastor of Catholic and Pleasant Grove Churches. His sun went down while it was yet day. Men might compare the long and expensive preparation with the time and work done, and then pronounce his life a failure, on account of adverse providences; but he, who recognizes the direction of the Divine Mind and the enthronement of the Divine Will in the affairs of this world, must admit that God has hewed out a place and a work for each individual, and that success is not to be measured by the days and months of a man's life. What God does is complete and best. He saw fit to call our young brother to service on high. It was His indisputable judgment that a career just begun should immediately close. "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." "His days are determined, the number

of his months are with thee; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass." "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

R. A. WEBB.

J. C. McMULLEN.

REV. S. H. HAY.

The Rev. Samuel Hutson Hay was born in his father's house near the village of Boiling Springs, Barnwell District, S. C., March 14, 1818, and died at the same place February 24, 1886, at nearly 68 years of age. His academical education was received in the school of Professor Wyman, at Boiling Springs, from which he went to the South Carolina College. It was during his collegiate course, and under the preaching of Dr. Stephen Elliott, afterwards Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Georgia, that he experienced a hope in Christ. He then made a profession of religion, and resolved to devote himself to the ministry. Soon after leaving College he entered Columbia Theological Seminary, and was graduated from that institution in July, 1841. At the spring meeting of Charleston Presbytery in the same year. he was licensed to preach the gospel. For about a year, beginning November 1, 1841, he preached to the Beech Island Church. He was called thence to Winnsboro, S. C., and there he was ordained to the ministry by Harmony Presbytery. He served the Winnsboro Church for two and a half years, and then returned to Boiling Springs. There and at Barnwell C. H. he preached for several years. In May, 1851, he became the pastor of the church at Camden, S. C., and labored there until January 1, 1880, when he resigned his charge and left Camden. In December, 1880, he was installed pastor of New Wappetaw Church, at McClellanville on the sea coast, and labored with great acceptance until November, 1883, when Charleston Presbytery appointed him Evangelist of the Savannah River Mission field. He then removed from McClellanville to Allendale; and for two years and three months he supplied Allendale, Harmony and Beech Island Churches, with the mission station of Boiling Springs. So far as his strength permitted, he labored faithfully in this field, and he was not without tokens of his Master's blessing resting upon his work. About two months before his departure from earth, he changed his place of residence from Allendale to his native hamlet, Boiling Springs, expecting to spend the evening of his life on the spot where he was born and had passed the happy morning of his days. But God saw otherwise. On the 24th of February last, at his own home and surrounded by most of the members of his beloved family, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. "He walked with God, and he was not for God took him." His last sermon was preached at Beaufort, S. C., at the ordination of Mr. J. S. Brockinton, from Ps. CX., 1, 2, 3.

As a Pastor, Brother Hay was kind, sympathetic and tender, rejoicing with those that rejoiced, and weeping with those that wept.

As a Preacher, he was gifted with many admirable qualities. He was endowed with an accurate and retentive memory, which enabled him, in the hour of extemporaneous delivery, to reproduce what had been carefully prepared. His manner was animated, his diction ele-

vated, his style unimpeachable, his matter thoughtful and interesting, thoroughly orthodox and spiritual; and had his elocution been a vehicle adequate to the expression of his well-digested sermons, he would have been not only a very instructive, but also an exceedingly attractive and popular, preacher. The unction from the Holy One was poured upon him, and his preaching was consequently highly edifying to the children of God and to sincere inquirers after the truth as it is in Jesus.

As a Man, it would compendiously characterize him to say that he was full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. His dominant attributes were the lovely and gentle graces of the Spirit. Not combative and aggressive, but peaceable and conciliatory, easy to relent under provocation and ready to forgive, he won his laurels not on the arena of hard-fought controversy, but on the peaceful fields of kindly relationships and affectionate ministrations. His vocation was not to contend, but to attract; and this call, impressed upon his inner consciousness, he fulfilled in his outer life. Even when impelled to assert his convictions, he so did it as not to evoke the hostility of those to whom he was opposed. We will not soon forget his benignant and genial face, the serious cast of which, stamped by habitual communion with things heavenly and divine, often, like a grey sky frequently lit up by flashes of sunshine, relaxed into smiles of innocent pleasantry and cheerful humor. In a word, he was a sincere, godly man—clothed with humility, sustained by faith, and moved by love; and his memory will be cherished by his Presbytery and Synod as among their richest adornments.

Brother Hay's health had been declining for a year or two, but he was seriously sick for a short time only. About a week before his end he had a stroke of paralysis, which took away his speech, and, to a great extent, his consciousness of surrounding things. Not long before he passed away a thrilling incident occurred, which cannot fail to suggest a similar one which took place in the dying moments of the pious Bishop Beveridge, of the English Church. One of his sons approached his bedside, and asked him if he remembered some of the ministers with whom he had been most intimately associated, among them Dr. Thornwell, for whom he entertained a profound admiration and affection. To each of these he replied by shaking his head. The interrogator then inquired, "Do you remember Jesus?" And at once he bowed his head in assent. How beautifully does this fact illustrate the last verse of Doddridge's exquisite hymn,

"Till then I would thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of thy Name
Refresh my soul in death!"

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. GIRARDEAU, Chairman.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, having nothing further to report, was discharged.

Rev. J. L. McLin, of the Committee on Leave of Absence, made a report as follows, which was approved:

The Committee on Leave of Absence would submit the following report:

The Committee has excused, from attendance on the present meeting of the Synod, the following named brethren: Revs. S. L. Morris, J. McL. Seabrook, W. B. Corbett, G. R. Brackett, D.D., and J. B. Adger, D. D. Leave of absence has been granted the following named brethren, after 11 o'clock Friday, A. M. Elder Carver Randall; after the afternoon session on Friday, Revs. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Geo. Summey, W. G. White and J. B. Mack, D.D., with Elders J. D. Gwin, S. D. Simril, J. A. Hope, E. P. Moore, S. B. McCully, W. G. Campbell, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Dixon, A. K. Sherrar, J. F. Carothers, E. R. Mills, L. N. Culp, R. A. Latimer, W. W. Walkup, D. W. Carmichael and W. H. Steed.

J. L. McLIN, Chairman.

Rev. W. J. McKay and Rev. T. H. Law tendered their resignation as Directors of the Theological Seminary, which was accepted. Hon. D. S. Henderson was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. McKay (two years), and Rev. W. T. Thompson to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Law (one year).

Rev. W. F. Junkin, D.D., sent an excuse for absence, which was sustained.

On motion it was left with the Pastor of this Church to make appointments for preaching.

On motion of Prof. M. L. Venable, Synod returned its sincere thanks to the citizens of this church and community for the generous hospitality extended to its members during its sessions; and also to the railroad authorities which have granted reduced rates of travel.

Darlington was unanimously chosen as the place of next meeting, and Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in November, at 8 o'clock P. M., as the time.

On motion of Rev. H. G. Gilland, it was

Resolved, That it is the construction of this Synod that two Directors are empowered by the Constitution of the Seminary (Sec. II, Art. 4) to call a meeting of the Board.

The Minutes of to-day's sessions were read and approved. Synod then, on motion, adjourned with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction, to meet in Darlington, Wednesday, November 2, 1887, 8 o'clock P. M.

THOMAS H. LAW,
Stated Clerk.

D. E. JORDAN,
Moderator.

APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia ask leave to submit this as their annual report to the four controlling Synods:

At the first meeting of the Board held after the last meetings of the respective Synods, the Board recognized it as the result of their action that Prof. Jas. Woodrow had not been legally removed from the Perkins chair, and he has, until this meeting of the Board, held September 15, 1886, acted as such and discharged the duties of the chair. At the said meeting he has, in consequence of the peculiar state of things in reference to his relations to his Church and chair, requested to be relieved from teaching in the Seminary until the questions involved shall be determined by the proper authorities. The Board has consented to this, and also to the proposition made by him that in the meantime he shall not be entitled to any salary.

Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D.D., has not felt it to be his duty to accede to the wish of the Board and of the Synods, and his resignation took effect on 30th June, 1886.

Rev. J. F. Latimer, D.D., was elected by the Board to the chair of Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture, but has declined to accept.

Rev. J. A. Lefevre, D.D., has been elected to the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology. The Board has requested him to hold the matter under consideration until after the meeting of the Synods.

The Board, at its present meeting, has elected to the chair of Biblical Literature and Exegesis of Scripture, Rev. C. C. Hersman, D.D., who had declined the previous election.

Rev. Dr. Vaughan declined the chair of Pastoral Theology, to which he was elected last year, and the Board postponed the election of any one to this chair.

The total number of students in attendance during the last session was twenty-two (22)—six in the Senior class, four in the Middle class, nine in the Junior class and three special. Of this number eleven (11) were dismissed by certificate of the Faculty—one from the Senior class, eight from the Junior, and two special.

The funds of the Seminary, as will appear from the Treasurer's report found in the Minutes of the Board, are in a healthy condition.

The Board calls special attention to their action by which the Board requests the authority of the Synods to suspend the exercises of the Seminary until September, 1887. The resolution is as follows: Be it

Resolved, That in view of the present incomplete equipment of the Institution, the Board does hereby recommend that the controlling Synods authorize the Board to defer the resumption of the exercises of the Institution until the 3d Monday in September, 1887.

Adopted by the Board, Columbia, September 15, 1886.

JAS. HEMPHILL, President.

THOS. H. LAW, Secretary.



